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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

Serial No.: 09/432,113

Group Art Unit: 2672

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Examiner: C. Harrison

For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE
MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

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AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on November 26, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND and ADD to the claims in accordance with the following:

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1. (TWICE AMENDED) A graphic editing apparatus, comprising:

a display unit displaying a graphic including a first object and a second object which are connected with each other using a first connector, where the first object, second object, and first connector are all displayed on a display screen; and

an interactive graphical editing unit responding to a third object having been interactively placed in a predetermined position in relation to the first connector after the first object, second object, and first connector have been displayed, by automatically creating and displaying a second connector for connecting the displayed first object and the third object and a third connector for connecting the displayed third object and the second object.